

The improvements (£386 19s. 6d.) are repayable by £36 19s. 6d. in cash; the balance being secured by an instalment mortgage for a period of 24½ years with interest at 5½ per cent. per annum in the case of a civilian, and 25½ years at 5 per cent. per annum in the case of a discharged soldier.

Situated one mile from Cricklewood Railway-station and school. Should carry about 325 ewes. Property is also suitable for cropping and mixed farming.

A remission of two years' rent will be given subject to the lessee effecting improvements to a value equivalent to the amount of rent so remitted, such improvements to be to the satisfaction of the Land Board.

ABSTRACT OF CONDITIONS OF LEASE.

1. Term of lease: Thirty-three years, with a perpetual right of renewal for further successive terms of thirty-three years, and a right to acquire the freehold.

2. Rent: Five per cent. per annum on the capital value, payable in advance on 1st January and 1st July in each year.

3. Applicants to be twenty-one years of age and upwards.

4. Applicants to furnish with applications statutory declaration, and, on being declared successful, deposit £2 2s. (lease fees), £2 2s. (mortgage fee), deposit on improvements, and a half-year's rent. Rent for the broken period between date of lease and 1st January or 1st July following is also payable.

5. Applications made on the same day are deemed to be simultaneous.

6. No person may hold more than one allotment.

7. Successful applicants to execute lease within thirty days after being notified that it is ready for signature.

8. Lessee to reside continuously on the land, and pay all rates, taxes, and assessments.

9. Improvements: Lessee is required to improve the land within one year to the value of 10 per cent. of the price; within two years, to the value of another 10 per cent. of the price; and thereafter, but within six years, to the value of another 10 per cent. of the price. In addition to the foregoing, and within six years, improvements are also to be effected to the value of £1 for every acre of first-class land, 10s. for every acre of second-class land, and 2s. 6d. for every acre of third-class land.

10. Transfer not allowed until expiration of fifth year of lease, except under extraordinary circumstances, and then only with permission.

11. Roads may be taken through the lands at any time within seven years; twice the original value to be allowed for area taken for such roads.

12. Lease is liable to forfeiture if conditions are violated.

Full particulars may be obtained from the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Christchurch.

W. STEWART,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Lands in Taranaki Land District for Selection on Renewable Lease.

District Lands and Survey Office,
New Plymouth, 18th September, 1928.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned lands are open for selection on renewable lease under the Land Act, 1924, and the Land for Settlements Act, 1925, and amendments; and applications will be received at the District Lands and Survey Office, New Plymouth, up to 4 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, 2nd October, 1928.

Preference at the ballot will be given to landless applicants who have one or more children dependent on them; to landless applicants who, within two years immediately preceding date of ballot, have applied for land at least twice unsuccessfully; to applicants who have served beyond New Zealand as members of the Expeditionary Force; to persons engaged on military service beyond New Zealand in connection with the late war, if such persons immediately prior to the war were *bona fide* residents of New Zealand; and to applicants who, while domiciled in New Zealand, have served beyond New Zealand as members of any of His Majesty's Forces in connection with any war other than the war with Germany.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

TARANAKI LAND DISTRICT.—SECOND-CLASS LAND.

Whangamomona County.—Upper Waitara Survey District.

SECTIONS 6 and 7, Block XII: Area, 1,276 acres. Capital value, £320. Half-yearly rent, £6 8s.

Exempt from payment of rent for a period of ten years providing improvements to the value of £35 are effected annually during the exemption period.

Weighted with £1,275, valuation for improvements comprising four-roomed house, woolshed, wash-house, about

190 chains fencing, about 400 acres pasture, and about 600 acres felling and grassing. This amount is either payable in cash or may be secured on first mortgage by arrangement with the State Advances Superintendent.

Situated about eight miles and a half from Whangamomona Township, school, and railway-station. About 400 acres is in fair to good pasture, about 220 acres in worn-out pasture, and the balance in bush. It is subdivided into two paddocks. In its present condition it is estimated to carry 500 wethers and 20 head of cattle.

Eltham County.—Omona Survey District.

Section 2, Block XII: Area, 973 acres. Capital value, £250. Half-yearly rent, £5.

Exempt from payment of rent for a period of ten years providing improvements to the value of £25 are effected annually during the exemption period.

Weighted with £650, valuation for improvements comprising about 160 chains fencing, about 230 acres pasture, and about 345 acres of clearing. This amount is either payable in cash or may be secured by way of first mortgage on arrangement with the State Advances Superintendent.

Situated about thirty-five miles from the Eltham Railway-station and about four miles from the Moeroa School. About 628 acres is in standing bush. It is subdivided into three paddocks. About 230 acres is in fair pasture. It is well watered by streams. In its present condition it is estimated to carry 300 dry sheep and 10 head of cattle. Soil is of fair quality on sandstone formation.

Waitomo County.—Mapara Survey District.

Section 25, Block XI: Area, 184 acres. Capital value, £360. Half-yearly rent, £7 4s.

Exempt from payment of rent for a period of three years providing improvements to the value of £36 are effected annually during the exemption period.

Weighted with £260, valuation for improvements comprising four-roomed dwelling, cowshed and yards, about 300 chains of fencing, and about 170 acres felling and grassing. This amount is either payable in cash or may be secured on first mortgage by arrangement with the Superintendent, State Advances Department. In addition to the weighting of £260, improvements to the value of £184 are included in the capital value.

Situated about two miles and a half from the Mapiu School. It is subdivided into eight paddocks. Soil is of a light clayey nature, and the country varies from easy undulating to steep. It is well watered by springs and creeks. In its present condition it is estimated to carry 6 dairy cows, 10 head of mixed cattle, and 50 sheep.

Ohura County.—Ohura Survey District.

Sections 18, 19, and 20, Block XIII: Area, 540 acres 3 roods. Capital value, £800. Half-yearly rent, £16.

Exempt from payment of rent for a period of three years providing improvements to the value of £80 are effected annually during the exemption period.

Weighted with £2,500, valuation for improvements comprising house, whare, woolshed, cowshed, and yards, about 580 chains fencing, about 520 acres felling and grassing. This amount is either payable in cash or may be secured on first mortgage by arrangement with the Superintendent, State Advances Department.

Situated about eight miles from the Ohura Railway-station by good metalled road, and about three miles from the Tatu School. It is subdivided into eleven paddocks. About 100 acres is in fair to good pasture, about 420 acres is worn-out pasture, and the balance in bush. About 40 acres comprise good flat easy country, suitable for dairying. In its present condition it is estimated to carry 450 ewes, 50 hoggets, 12 dairy cows, and 60 head of cattle. †

Waitomo County.—Totoro Survey District.

Section 16, Block V: Area, 435 acres. Capital value, £440. Half-yearly rent, £8 16s.

Exempt from payment of rent for a period of two years providing improvements to the value of £44 are effected annually during the exemption period.

Situated about eleven miles from Kopaki Railway-station. The Aramatai School is about two miles and a half distant, whilst the nearest dairy factory is Pio Pio, which is about seven miles distant. Cream-collecting lorries pass the section.

It has a northerly aspect, and is well watered. About 150 acres are ploughable, balance is easy to hilly country. The ploughable country is carrying light manuka, whilst the remaining area is in light bush comprising tawa, mahoe, rewarewa, tawhero, with usual undergrowth. Soil is of a light clay nature on sandstone formation.